

*Friday, October 31, 1997*

# *Daily Digest*

## Senate

### ***Chamber Action***

#### ***Routine Proceedings, pages S11503–S11575***

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1352–1357, and S. Con. Res. 59. Page S11545

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California. (S. Rept. No. 105–127)

S. 1180, to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–128)

S. 318, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–129)

S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–130) Page S11544

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Gun Violence Concern:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 141, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S11572–73

**Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Vote:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. Pages S11503–11

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 288), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the bill. Page S11510

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rules XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Page S11510

**National Defense Authorizations Act—Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Pages S11511–12, S11570

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 289), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report. Pages S11511–12

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, November 6, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. Page S11570

A unanimous-consent agreement was further reached providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution making technical corrections in the enrollment of the conference report regarding Sec. 3165 of the bill. Page S11570

**Fast Track/Trade Agreements—Cloture Filed:** A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Page S11512

**SBA Authorization:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1139, to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration,

with a Bond Amendment No. 1543 (to House amendment), in the nature of a substitute.

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**Export-Import Bank Authorization:** Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1026, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, agreed to the House request for a conference, and appointed the following conferees: Senators D'Amato, Grams, Hagel, Sarbanes, and Moseley-Braun.

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**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, on Monday, November 3, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

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**Treaties Approved:** The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Taxation Agreement with Turkey, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104–30)

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Taxation Convention with Austria, with one understanding, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104–31)

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Taxation Convention with Luxembourg, with one reservation, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104–33)

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Taxation Convention with Thailand, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–2)

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Tax Convention with Switzerland, with two declarations and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–8)

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Tax Convention with South Africa, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–9)

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Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Canada, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–29)

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Tax Convention with Ireland, with one understanding, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–31)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Robert M. McNamara, Jr., of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. Page S11575

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total–289) Pages S11510, S11512

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:22 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Monday, November 3, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11575.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, and Joseph B. Dial, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mary Mel French, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Betty Eileen King, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, George Edward Moose, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Phyllis E. Oakley, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Nancy H. Rubin, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure

of service as Representative of the United States on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Julia Taft, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. French was introduced by Senator Bumpers, and Ms. Rubin was introduced by Senator Dodd.

#### **TREASURY DEPARTMENT: INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held oversight hearings

to review activities of the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Inspector General, focusing on alleged contracting improprieties within the Office of Inspector General, receiving testimony from Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, Donald J. Wheeler, Deputy Director, Office of Special Investigation, and Theodore C. Barreaux, Associate Director for Audit Oversight and Liaison, Accounting and Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; and Valerie Lau, Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings will continue on Monday, November 3.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 2786-2792; 2 private bills, H.R. 2793-2794; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183, and H. Res. 299-300, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2732, a private bill, for the relief of John Andre Chalot (H. Rept. 105-360);

H.R. 2731, a private bill, for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser (H. Rept. 105-361);

S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial (H. Rept. 105-362);

S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason (H. Rept. 105-363);

H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, amended (H. Rept. 105-364);

H.R. 2644, to provide to beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act benefits equivalent to those provided under the North American Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 105-365);

H.R. 2195, to provide for certain measures to increase monitoring of products of the People's Republic of China that are made with forced labor, amended (H. Rept. 105-366 Part 1);

H.R. 2622, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws (H. Rept. 105-367);

H.R. 1753, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000, amended (H. Rept. 105-368);

H.J. Res. 91, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact, amended (H. Rept. 105-369);

H.J. Res. 92, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact, amended (H. Rept. 105-370);

H.R. 2476, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers, amended (H. Rept. 105-371); and

H.R. 2626, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996, amended (H. Rept. 105-372).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**HELP Scholarships and Charter Schools Amendments Acts:** By a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 567, the House agreed to H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2746, to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children and H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools. Pursuant to Section 4, H. Res. 280, an unrelated resolution, was laid on the table.

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Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 566.

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**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment:** The House passed H.R. 2367, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

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**Deny Veterans Benefits for Capital Offense Convictions:** The House passed S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses. Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of November 3.

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**Meeting Hour—November 4:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 on Tuesday, November 4.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agree to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of November 5.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9803.

**Referrals:** S. 1149, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for increased education funding and S. 1024, to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent, were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9831–32 and H9832. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act.

The Committee also approved, as amended, a draft report entitled: "Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: VA, DOD Continue to Resist Strong Evidence Linking Toxic Causes to Chronic Health Effects".

### MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Management Practices in State and Local Government: Lessons for the Federal Government. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on House Oversight:* Continued hearings on Campaign Finance Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman, Fowler, Dreier, Farr and Tierney.

Hearings continue November 6.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 22, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the discrimination by the German Government against members of minority religious groups, particularly the continued and increasing discrimination by the German Government against performers, entertainers, and other artists from the United States associated with Scientology; H. Con. Res. 152, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; H. Res. 273, amended, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo; H. Res. 282, congratulating the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; H. Con. Res. 172, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia; H. Res. 231, amended, urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and H. Con. Res. 156, amended, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country.

The Committee also adopted a Committee resolution honoring the life and service of the late Representative Walter H. Capps of California.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Conferees* on Thursday, October 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1172)

H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope. Signed October 30, 1997. (P.L. 105-67)

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 3 through 8, 1997

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, with a vote to occur thereon, and may consider the motion to proceed to S. 1269, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act For Public and Private Schools, and vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1269, Fast Track/Trade Agreements.

On *Thursday*, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act, with a vote to occur thereon. Also, during the week, Senate may resume consideration of S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998, S.J. Res. 37, Amtrak Strike Prohibition, consider the conference reports on S. 830, FDA Modernization and Accountability Act, S. 858, Intelligence Authorization, H.R. 2264, Labor/HHS, and further conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 4, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings on mandating year 2000 disclo-

sure by publicly-traded companies; to be followed by a full committee business meeting to consider certain nominations, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* November 4, to hold hearings to examine options for funding social security benefits in the 21st century, 2 p.m., SD-608.

November 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 4, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 4, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the necessity of Federal involvement in the Next Generation Internet, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the environmental consequences of global warming scenarios, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 4, to hold hearings on the nominations of Curt Herbert Jr., of Mississippi, and Linda Key Breathitt, of Kentucky, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 4, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the status of Federal transportation programs in the absence of a multi-year reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

November 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 627, authorizing funds for programs of the African Elephant Conservation Act, and S. 1287, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants, 2 p.m., SD-406.

November 5, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the General Services Administration proposal to construct or otherwise acquire a facility to house the headquarters of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* November 5, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to restructure the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and to examine the recommendations of the IRS Restructuring Commission, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 4, business meeting, to mark up S. 759, to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity, S. Con. Res. 48, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran, and S.Con.Res. 58, expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law, and to consider pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how the American public views NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SD-419.

November 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine commercial activities of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA), 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* November 3, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume oversight hearings on the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

November 3, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to review the annual report of the Postmaster General, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

November 6, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the social impact of music violence, 12 Noon, SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 3, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on oversight of the administrative procedures and examination of anti-slamming laws, 2 p.m., SD-226.

November 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine competition, innovation, and public policy in the digital age, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

November 5, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation on the impact of section 110 of the 1996 Immigration Act on land borders of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-562.

November 5, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine Federal efforts to prevent juvenile crime, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Seth Waxman, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

November 5, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, closed briefing on the "eligible receiver" exercise, 2 p.m., SH-217.

November 5, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine the report of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection, 3 p.m., SD-226.

November 6, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert S. Warshaw, of New York, to be Associate Director, and Thomas J. Umberg, of California, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, both of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* November 5, business meeting, to consider pending administrative matters, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 3, to hold hearings on H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan, 10 a.m., SR-485.

November 4, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 976, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and to consider the nomination of Kevin Gover, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, 9:15 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 6, to hold hearings to examine proliferation issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

November 6, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Chamber

*Monday,* The House is not in session.

*Tuesday,* Consideration of 19 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2644, United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act;

2. H.R. 1967, to provide that the distribution before January 1, 1978, of a phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publication of the musical work;

3. H.R. 2265, No Electronic Theft Act;

4. H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States;

5. H.J. Res. 91, Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flat River Basin Compact;

6. H.J. Res. 92, Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa river basin Compact;

7. H.R. 1702, Commercial Space Act; and

8. H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer protection Act of 1997;

9. H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997;

10. H.R. 2675, Federal employees Life Insurance Improvement Act;

11. Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997;

12. Carson national Forest and the Santa Fe national Forest Land Conveyance;

13. S. 587, Hinsdale County, Colorado Land Exchange;

14. S. 588, providing for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness;

15. S. 589, providing for a Boundary Adjustment and Land Conveyance Involving the Raggeds Wilderness;

16. S. 591, Transferring the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest;

17. H.R. 1604, Providing for the Division, Use, and Distribution of Judgment Funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians;

18. H.R. 948, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Act; and

19. S. 931, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center Designation Act; and

Consideration of H.R. 2746, HELP Scholarships Act (closed rule, 2 hours of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

NOTE: *No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Consideration of H.R. 2676, IRS Restructuring Act (subject to a rule);*

*Consideration of H.R. 2195, Laogai Slave Labor Products Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);*

*Consideration of H.R. 967, Prohibition of U.S. Funds to Certain Chinese Officials (subject to a rule);*

*Consideration of H.R. 2570, Forced Abortion Condemnation Act (subject to a rule);*

*Consideration of H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);*

*Consideration of H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);*

*Consideration of H.R. 2605, Communist China Subsidy Reduction Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);*

*Consideration of H.R. 2647, to ensure that commercial activities of the People's Liberation Army of China or any Communist Chinese military company in the U.S. are monitored and are subject to the authorities under the International Emergency Economics Powers Act;*

*Consideration of H. Res. 188, urging the executive branch to take action regarding the acquisition by Iran of C-802 cruise missiles;*

*Consideration of H.R. 2386, United States-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act (subject to a rule); and*

*Consideration of H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997 (subject to a rule).*

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture, November 4, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation and Research, hearing on the review on the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.*

*November 5, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing on H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.*

*November 5, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.*

*November 6, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on review of agricultural transportation issue, with a focus on the current rail grain situation, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.*

*Committee on Appropriations, November 6, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, hearing on GAO investigation of White House, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.*

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services, November 4, hearing on the Millennium Bug: Banking and the Year 2000 computer problem, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.*

*November 5, to markup H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.*

*Committee on Commerce, November 4, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Federal-State Relationship: A Look into EPA Regulatory Reinvention Efforts, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.*

*November 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the upcoming global climate change agreement negotiations in Kyoto, Japan, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.*

*November 5 and 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearings on the Department of Energy's Funding of Molten Metal Technology, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn on November 5 and 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn on November 7.*

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, November 4, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Privatization of Child Support Enforcement Services, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.*

*November 4, Subcommittee on The Postal Service, hearing on Improving Labor Management Relations in the Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.*

*November 5, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "CSRS-FERS OPEN SEASON—What Are the Merits?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.*

*November 5, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.*

*November 6 and 7, full Committee, hearings on the "White House Compliance with Committee Subpoenas," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.*

*Committee on House Oversight, November 6 and 7, to continue hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.*

*Committee on International Relations, November 5, hearing on "Soldiers Without Borders: Crisis in Central Africa", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.*

*November 6, hearing on the current status of negotiations between the Tibetan Government in Exile and the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.*

*November 6, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the Fifth Summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.*

*Committee on the Judiciary, November 5, oversight hearing on The Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.*

*November 5, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the Internet Domain Name Trademark Protection, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.*

*November 5, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on the Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.*

*November 6, full Committee, to markup H.R. 1909, Civil Rights Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.*

*November 7, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on combating crimes against children facilitated by the internet, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.*

November 7, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the Final Report of the Commission on Immigration Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, November 4, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Federal response to domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction—status of Department of Defense support program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 5, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on ballistic missile threat posed by Iran, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 6, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on Department of Defense equipment modernization, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, November 4, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, to markup the following bills: H.R. 1659, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act; H.R. 2416, provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property; and H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interest in the National grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interest to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 5, full Committee, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 6, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the review of NOAA's plan for The Management of Monitor National Maine Sanctuary, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 6, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to continue hearings on H.R. 1995, Point Reyes National Seashore Farmland Protection Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, November 4, to consider the following: H.R. 2676, Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997; H. Res. 188, urging the executive branch to take action regarding the acquisition by Iran of C-802 Cruise missiles; H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences,

programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and be excluded from admission to the United States; H.R. 2195, Laogai Slave Labor Products Act of 1997; H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997; H.R. 2386, U.S.-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act; H.R. 2570, Forced Abortion Condemnation Act; H.R. 2605, Communist China Subsidy Reduction Act of 1997; and H.R. 2647, to ensure that commercial activities of the People's Liberation Army of China or any Communist Chinese military company in the United States are monitored and are subject to the authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

November 4, hearing on H. Res. 298, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the rule allowing subpoenaed witnesses to choose not to be photographed at committee hearings, 6 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, November 4, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on The Global Dimensions of the Millennium Bug, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 5, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on International Space Station Status and Cost Overruns, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on the Countdown to Kyoto Part III: The Administration's Global Climate Change Proposal, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 6, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Role of Computer Security in Protecting the U.S. Infrastructure, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, November 6, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, November 4, Subcommittee on Trade, oversight hearing on the Future of United States-China Trade Relations and the possible Accession of China to the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, November 5, executive, hearing on Nonproliferation, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
12 Noon, Monday, November 3

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of routine morning business (not to extend beyond 2:45 p.m.), Senate will consider the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, with a vote to occur thereon; following which, Senate may consider the motion to proceed to S. 1269, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 4

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of 19 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2644, United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act;
2. H.R. 1967, to provide that the distribution before January 1, 1978, of a phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publication of the musical work;
3. H.R. 2265, No Electronic Theft Act;
4. H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States;
5. H.J. Res. 91, Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flat River Basin Compact;

6. H.J. Res. 92, Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact;
  7. H.R. 1702, Commercial Space Act; and
  8. H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997;
  9. H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997;
  10. H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act;
  11. Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997;
  12. Carson national Forest and the Santa Fe national Forest Land Conveyance;
  13. S. 587, Hinsdale County, Colorado Land Exchange;
  14. S. 588, providing for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness;
  15. S. 589, providing for a Boundary Adjustment and Land Conveyance Involving the Raggeds Wilderness;
  16. S. 591, Transferring the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest;
  17. H.R. 1604, Providing for the Division, Use, and Distribution of Judgment Funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians;
  18. H.R. 948, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Act; and
  19. S. 931, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center Designation Act; and
- Consideration of H.R. 2746, HELP Scholarships Act (closed rule, 2 hours of general debate); and
- Consideration of H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

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